U.S. Fourth Fleet

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U.S. Regional Linkages

- **Shared Values**
  - Democracy
  - Human rights
  - Ethnic ties
- **Economic Interdependence**
  - ~ 40% of U.S. trade is with this hemisphere
  - ~50% of oil imports

Cooperative Maritime Strategy

- Develop Maritime Security Partnerships to protect and extend security and prosperity
- Leverage shared interests to

SOUTHCOM Region

- **Maritime centric environment**
  - **Only two land-locked countries**
  - **Extensive riverine networks**

Security Challenges

Transnational & Adaptive Threats

- **Significant illicit maritime activity**
- **Narco-terrorism**
- **Transnational terrorism**
- **Mass migration**
- **Natural**

Effective solutions require increased Maritime Cooperation

Fourth Fleet Activities

- **Southern Partnership Station**
- **Humanitarian & Civil Affairs Activities**

USNS COMFORT

Continuing Promise

USS KEARSARGE

- **Partnership of the Americas**
- **Maritime Exercises**
  - **PANAMAX**
  - **UNITAS**
- **Counter Narco-Terrorism**

Fourth Fleet Organization

- 2-Star Flag Officer (Dual-Hatted)
  - Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command
  - Commander, U.S. Fourth Fleet
- Commands deployed rotational USN Forces in SOUTHCOM region
  - No permanently assigned forces
  - Forces assigned to meet needs of aforementioned Fourth Fleet activities